

History Degrees

History Degree plans are extremely flexible with only **one required** course the first year:

History 1790 – Introduction to History (1 hour) offered fall only. Incoming students (first-time college and transfer) **MUST** take this course. Everything else is suggested.

All students must take four intro-level courses in history as part of the degree: History 1100 (Early Western Civilization); History 1200 (Modern Western Civilization); History 1300 (American History to 1877) and History 1310 (American History since 1877). These may be taken in any order and over multiple semesters and serve as pre-requisites for upper-level history courses. Students may choose to take one or two surveys as they begin their academic careers to provide a solid foundation. (We suggest taking 2 each semester of their first year although some students may come in with credit for some of these courses.)

Students earning a **BA in History** (with or without National Security emphasis) should take a **foreign language** course beginning their first year. They are required to take a minimum of 3 semesters to meet degree requirements. **Secondary Education** students do **NOT** have a foreign language requirement.

Students earning a **BA in History with an emphasis area in Secondary Education** should take Educ 1040 (2 hours) and Educ 1174 (2 hours) fall semester. Please consult Teacher Education for recommended classes beyond first semester.

Students earning a **BA or BS with an emphasis in National Security** should take Pol 1200 – American Government in their first or second semesters.

All students may begin taking upper-level history courses as long as they have the pre-requisite for the course. There is no particular order for taking courses and they can take 2000, 3000, or 4000 level courses at any point. Courses are numbered by themes or breadth of coverage **NOT** by level of difficulty or year in degree program.

Many students fill out their first semesters with courses that meet general education requirements. There is flexibility in these courses as well and acceptable courses are listed on the degree audits available through JoeSS.

Transfer students coming in as sophomores should take History 2791 – Historical Research Methods if offered that semester. The tables below are suggestions for first-year students.

History BA – 120 Hours total

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
History 1790 – 1 hour - REQUIRED	Introductory survey(s): Hist 1100 or Hist 1200 or Hist 1300 or Hist 1310 (3-6 hours)
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Foreign Language (4 hours)	
Courses to meet general education requirements	

BA – National Security Emphasis Area – 120 Hours Total

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
History 1790 – 1 hour - REQUIRED	Introductory survey(s): Hist 1100 or Hist 1200 or Hist 1300 or Hist 1310 (3-6 hours)
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Foreign Language (4 hours)	
Courses to meet general education requirements	
Pol Sci 1200	

BA – Secondary Education Emphasis Area – 121 Hours Total

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
History 1790 – 1 hour - REQUIRED	Introductory survey(s): Hist 1100 or Hist 1200 or Hist 1300 or Hist 1310 (3-6 hours)
Introductory survey(s): Hist 1100 or Hist 1200 or Hist 1300 or Hist 1310 (3-6 hours)	
Educ 1040 (2 hours)	
Educ 1174 (2 hours)	
Courses to meet general education requirements	

History BS – 120 Hours Total

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
History 1790 – 1 hour - REQUIRED	Introductory survey(s): Hist 1100 or Hist 1200 or Hist 1300 or Hist 1310 (3-6 hours)
Introductory survey(s): Hist 1100 or Hist 1200 or Hist 1300 or Hist 1310 (3-6 hours)	
Courses to meet general education requirements	

BS - National Security Emphasis Area – 120 Hours Total

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
History 1790 – 1 hour - REQUIRED	Introductory survey(s): Hist 1100 or Hist 1200 or Hist 1300 or Hist 1310 (3-6 hours)
Introductory survey(s): Hist 1100 or Hist 1200 or Hist 1300 or Hist 1310 (3-6 hours)	
Pol Sci 1200	
Courses to meet general education requirements	